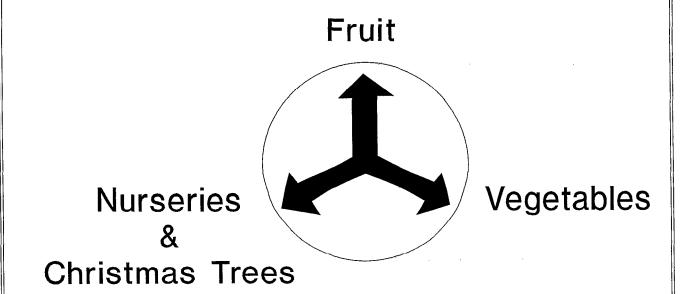
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I am pleased to present this final report on the 1991 Michigan Fruit Inventory Survey. This report represents a cooperative effort between the private and public sectors to provide critical data upon which Michigan's agricultural industry depends for future planning. Previous fruit surveys were conducted in 1982 and 1986.

This is the first report to be published under the new Specialty Crops Rotational Survey, which is funded by the legislature and administered by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). A vegetable inventory survey was conducted in 1992, with a nursery and Christmas tree survey scheduled for 1993. Continuing the rotational cycle, the fruit survey will be repeated in the fall of 1994.

MDA has continuously strived to improve the quality of data and accuracy of the surveys. At the request of the industry, the 1991 survey includes additional detailed data tables on rootstocks, year of planting cohorts and acreage by age groups. These improvements document recent changes in planting densities and orchard management techniques. You will also find enhancements in the formatting of tables, which makes them clearer and easier to read.

I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and assistance of all the growers who voluntarily provided the data that makes this report possible. I also extend thanks to fruit processors and other industry officials; the extension specialists at Michigan State University; data collectors at the National Association of the State Departments of Agriculture; and the staff of the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service for their excellent support of the program.

I look forward to our continued successful relationship which brings us together for the benefit of Michigan's agricultural industry. If you have any questions regarding this survey, or suggestions for improvement, please contact the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service at (517) 377-1831.

Sincerely

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